GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1326
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
CLOSURE OF COLLIERIES OF ECL
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some collieries of Eastern Coalfields Limited have either closed or going to be closed for want of deposition of coal; and

(b) if so, the details of those collieries?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b): Upto 1.4.2002, 52 mines of the Eastern Coalfields Ltd.(ECL) have been closed for reasons of exhaustion of reserves. Out of the above 52 mines 32 underground mines and 14 opencast mines of ECL were closed in the State of West Bengal whereas one underground mine and 5 opencast mines of ECL were closed in the State of Jharkhand. Mining activities are proposed to be suspended in ten underground mines, due to exhaustion of reserves in the working seams, during the next 3 years.